

Original Claims 1-6 and 8-11, as previously amended, were rejected by the Examiner.

Original Claims 1-6 and 8-11 were, by an Amendment Document filed 3/21/2008, again amended.

Previously canceled Claim 12 has been added herein as New Claim 12.

No Claims have been currently amended herein.

No Claims have been allowed.

Claims 1-6 and 8-11, as amended by the Amendment Document filed 3/21/2008, and New Claim 12 are pending for reconsideration by the Examiner.

In a Notice of Non-compliant Amendment, mailed June 24, 2008, and referring to

37 CFR §1.121, the Examiner noted that:

- 1) Applicants' amendment, filed 3/21/2008, improperly lists claim 12 as *Currently Amended* because this claim was previously canceled. Therefore, the claims do not meet the requirements of 37 CFR §1.121;
- 2) Cancelled claims cannot be reinstated. However, applicants were advised that they could add a new claim drawn to a method of making the product of claim 1;
- 3) Claim 12 (step r) recites an incomplete sentence.

In response to items 1) and 2), above, applicants have herein:

- removed the improper designation of Claim 12 as *Currently Amended* ;
- removed the text of Claim 12, as amended; and,
- instead added *New Claim 12*.

In response to item 3) applicants have herein completed the incomplete sentence of step r of former Claim 12 as *Currently Amended*.

## CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully believe that all independent claims and dependent claims now meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX A